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SUBJECT: SWEDES POSITIVE TO NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE CONTACT  
GROUP FOR PIRACY

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(U) Emboffs received a follow-up response to reftels A and B from Anna Sundstrom, Desk Officer in the Security Policy Department at the Swedish MFA, on July 27. Sundstrom, who works with Operation Atalanta-related issues, responded that Sweden views the Contact Group as "more of a coordinating forum rather than as a small club for the most initiated actors." Accordingly, Sweden would not object to more countries joining the Contact Group. She stated this would help coordination efforts off the Horn of Africa, increase efficiency and avoid overlapping work. Sundstrom stressed the importance that Sweden attaches to close coordination between the Contact Group for Piracy and the long-standing Contact Group for Somalia to insure that Sweden acts coherently and with a long-term focus.  
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